

Remarks:

In an Office action dated May 25, 2006, the Examiner indicated that the application contains the following inventions:

- Invention I - Claims 1-33, drawn to a method of assessing fluid distribution;
- Invention II - Claims 61-65, drawn to a fluid detection system comprising a monitoring subsystem; and
- Invention III - Claims 34-60, drawn to a monitoring subsystem for assessing fluid distribution from wetting with urine.

Applicant has herein elected to prosecute invention III (claims 34-60), and thus has cancelled claims 1-33 and 61-65 without prejudice to prosecuting these or other claims in this application, or any other application.

The Examiner also has indicated that Invention III includes the following patentably distinct species:

- Species 1 - monitoring subsystem comprising an inducer module and analyzing module;
- Species 2 - monitoring subsystem comprising an inducer module, sampling module, analyzing module; and
- Species 3 - monitoring subsystem comprising connector for electrical coupling, analyzing module, and notification module.

The Examiner further indicates that none of the original claims of Invention II were generic to the three species. Applicant has herein elected Species 2. As originally filed, claims 48-58 read on Species 2.

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Applicant has herein amended claims 34 to depend from claim 48. Claims 34 thus also now read on Species 2. Claims 39, 41-44, 46 and 47 (as amended) also depend from claim 48, and thus also read on Species 2 (Invention III).

New claim 66 also depends from claim 48, and thus also reads on Species 2 (Invention III).

Applicant asserts that all claims are allowable, and thus respectfully request a Notice of Allowance be issued.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if the Examiner has any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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